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Dear Examiner Mai:

In accordance with our telephone conversation this week, please find attached a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, PCT Search Report, and the (5) references submitted March 1, 2001.

The enclosed copy of the dated postcard receipt corresponds to the March 1, 2001 filing of these documents.

Respectfully submitted,
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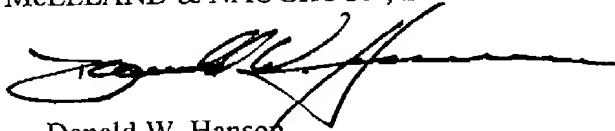
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In compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 and cited in the enclosed international search report.

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A	JP, 4-49965, A (Tadashi IURA), 19 February, 1992 (19.02.92), Full text; Figs. 1 to 15 (Family: none)	1-16
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